

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri S. Ramulu, Forest Section Officer (Retd), Certain irregularities committed in execution of SMC works under RIDF-IX in Vizianagaram - Inquiry finalized and findings received - Imposition of penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two(2) years besides recovery of an amount of Rs.1,09,299/- - Show-Cause-Notice issued – Explanation received – Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 101

Dated:19-12-2014
Read the following:

1. From the Prl.C.CF, Lr.Rc.No.52947/2005/K1, dt:2-11-2010.
2. Govt.Memo.No.5089/For.IV/A2/2011-1, Dt.01-08-2011.
3. Govt.Memo.No.5089/For.IV/A2/2011-2, Dt.13-09-2011 & 2-11-2011.
4. From the Prl.C.CF, Lr.Rc.No.52947/2005/K1, dt:2-11-2011.
5. Govt.Memo.No.5089/For.IV/A2/2011-4, Dt.23-12-2011.
6. Explanation of Sri S. Ramulu, FSO (Retd), dt:06.03.2012.
7. Govt.Lr.No.5089/For.IV/A2/2011-8, Dt.17-02-2014.
8. From the Secy. I/c APPSC Lr. No.703/RT/1/2014, Dt:10.06.2014.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad has informed that Articles of Charge were issued against Sri S. Ramulu, Forest Section Officer (Retd), Makkuva Section of Saluru Range for the irregularities committed by him in execution of SMC works under RIDF-IX (SMC) Scheme in Vizianagaram Division, by the Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram, under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, vide Ref.No.5479/05/S3, dt:03.06.2005. on the following count:

Article:-

"That Sri S. Ramulu, Forest Section Officer Makkuva Section of Saluru Range of Vizianagaram Division had shown gross neglect of duty, lack of devotion to duty and lack of supervision on the subordinates working under his control resulted in misappropriation of Government money to a tune of Rs.1,62,229/- to his share while carrying out certain SMC works. The works were executed under RIDF-IX (SMC) Scheme with machines and the expenditure was charged as if the work was executed manually. Thus caused a loss to Government to a tune of Rs.1,62,299/- to his share".

Article:-

"Sri S. Ramulu, Forest Section Officer Makkuva Section of Saluru Range of Vizianagaram Division had shown gross neglect of duty, lack of devotion to duty and not properly test checked the works carried out in S.O Nos. 54 & 62 and failed to identify the falsification of records done by the subordinate for the works carried out by machine and recorded in M.Books as the same were carried out by manually".

2. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the Article of Charge on 12-06-2006 and submitted explanation on 12-06-2006. Not satisfied with explanation, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, has appointed the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam as Common Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam as Presenting Officer vide Proc.No.52947/2005/PXA3, dt:13.10.2006. The Inquiry Officer has conducted the though there is no direct financial involvement of the Charged Officer, he is responsible for the deviation amount of the entire section and not taken efforts to avert in carrying out the works partly through machine. The Inquiry Officer also concluded that the Charged Officer has got recovered of Rs.52,899/- and remitted into treasury by direct remittances leaving a balance of Rs.1,09,400/- for which the Charged Officer Sri S. Ramulu, Forest Section Officer (Retd) has agreed to recover the amount from his pensionary benefits.

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3. The findings of the Inquiry Officer have been communicated to the Charged Officer vide his office final notice dt:13-01-2008 for submission of further defence statement if any. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the final notice on 21-03-2008 and submitted his further defence statement on 24-03-2008, in which he stated that he has executed the SMC works in the section during 2005-2006 confined to sanctioned DSOs by the Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram.

4. The Charged Officer Sri S. Ramulu, Forest Section Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30-06-2006. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9(2) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and requested the Government to pass suitable orders in the matter.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter, with reference to the enquiry officer's report, material made available, observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer were held proved. Hence, it was provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for (2) two years besides recovery of an amount of Rs.1,09,299/- from the Death-Cum-Retirement-Gratuity of Sri S. Ramulu, Forest Section Officer (Retd) formerly Vizianagaram Division under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly, a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 5th read above. The Charged Officer submitted his further explanation through the reference 6th read above and in which he has requested the Government to close the Article of Charge. The concurrence of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been obtained vide reference 8th read above.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for (2) two years besides recovery of an amount of Rs.1,09,299/- against the Charged Officer Sri S. Ramulu, Forest Section Officer (Retd) formerly Vizianagaram Division under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P. SINGH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Secretary I/c, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad(with ref. to
Lr. No.703/RT/1/2014, Dt:10.06.2014.)
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SECTION OFFICER